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SUBJECT: SHIPPING STRIKE AND GENERAL LABOR UNREST CONTINUES

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1. THE SHIP OFFICERS UNION CONTINUES TO TIE UP ISRAELI SHIPS WITH THEIR DEMAND THAT THEY BE PAID HIGHER SALARIES THAN THE RATINGS (REFTEL). TWENTY ISRAELI SHIPS ARE CURRENTLY STRIKE BOUND.

2. THE STRIKE HAS NOW BEEN COMPLICATED BY A STRIKE THREAT OF THE SEAMENS UNION, WHICH INSISTS THAT THE COMPANY REJECT THE DEMANDS OF THE OFFICERS AS UNJUSTIFIED. SHLOMO EREL, DIRECTOR OF THE SHIPPING COMPANY ASSOCIATION, HAS APPEALED TO THE HISTADRUT TO WORK OUT A COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE TWO UNIONS. THE HISTADRUT, IN TURN, HAS THREATENED TO EXPEL THE SHIP OFFICERS UNION FOR ITS IRRESPONSIBLE STRIKE. THIS WILL MAKE ARBITRATION BY THE HISTADRUT MORE DIFFICULT DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE SHIP OFFICERS HAVE INDICATED THEIR READINESS TO COMPROMISE ON THEIR DEMANDS.

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3. MEANWHILE, THE DOCTORS EMPLOYED IN KUPAT HOLIM DISPENSARIES ARE THREATENING TO STRIKE FOR WAGE INCREASES. IF THEY GO ON STRIKE, NURSES AND LABORATORY TECHNICIANS IN THE DISPENSARIES WILL ALSO STRIKE FOR HIGHER WAGE DEMANDS. KEY UNIONS IN THE PRIVATE INDUSTRY SECTOR, SUCH AS THE METAL

AND TEXTILE WORKERS, CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR ADDITIONAL WAGE INCREASES. HOWEVER, THE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION INSISTS THAT THESE DEMANDS BE LIMITED TO ONE TIME SPECIAL BONUSES. THE EMPLOYEES OF BANK LEUMI, THE LARGEST ISRAELI BANK, ARE STRIKING AGAIN, CHARGING THAT MANAGEMENT HAS WITHDRAWN AN EARLIER OFFER OF WAGE INCREASES. IN THE PRESENT PRE-ELECTION ATMOSPHERE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND THE HISTADRUT ARE APPARENTLY ATTEMPTING TO DO LITTLE MORE THAN MODERATE OR POSTPONE THESE DEMANDS AS THEY ARISE, THEREBY HOPING TO LIMIT THE DAMAGE TO THE ECONOMY UNTIL A NEW GOVERNMENT CAN BRING THE SITUATION UNDER CONTROL.

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